Chapter 15F. Research Project File Folder

What to keep in a Research Project File Folder and Project Folder Alignment of Documents

Alignment directions start from BACK to FRONT of folder.

Starting with the LAST page, and continuing to the front of the folder, assemble the documents in the following order:

- Old project Executive Summary Sheet, 416/417
- Any NPL, ADA, or AD Program direction
- Approved Prospectus for New Project Plan
- Peer Review memo from OSQR
- Final Approved Research Project Plan
- 416/417 with FY permanent fund transfer (signed by RL)
- Official Print of Approved Action (RL,AD,NPL,BPMS)
- Print of each additional action submitted throughout the life-time of the project. Keep sheets with changes only. Examples include:
 - Update Investigator and SY-Time with submitted FY ARMPs (keep Executive Summary and 416 only)
 - Biosafety annual updates (keep Executive Summary sheet and 416 only; 417 if changed)
 - Permanent or temporary fund transfers
 (keep Executive Summary sheet and Fund Transfer sheet only)
 Replace the submitted copy with the Official print of approved action.
- Place ALL 421 annual reports at the back of the project folder throughout the years. When the project is terminated, transfer all the 421s to the front of the folder.
- 421s for year 5, year 4, year 3, year 2, year 1, final annual report
- Budget Transaction (list of all fund transfers throughout the life-time of the project)
- Official Terminated Executive Summary Sheet, 416, 417.